

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 340,000 children in South Carolina have health care needs that require specialized and often expensive care; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services has allocated funds for improving access, care, and health outcomes for children with special health care needs through the Medical Home concept; and

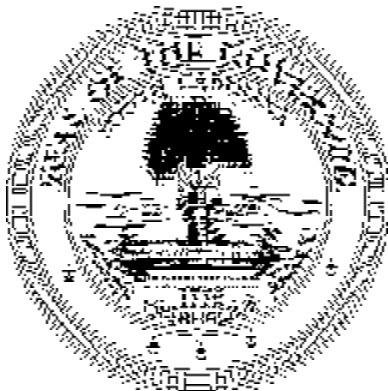
WHEREAS, by partnering the families of children with special health care needs with pediatric care and family practice professionals to provide high-quality, cost-effective health care services, the Medical Home concept is a unique approach to identifying and accessing all the medical and non-medical services their children need to reach their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Home concept helps ensure that children with special needs receive vital services by supporting health care that is accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally-competent.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2003 as

MEDICAL HOME MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote public awareness of the importance of improving access, care, and health outcomes for children with special health care needs using the Medical Home concept.



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GOVERNOR
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